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Eva Gifford, age 5, smiles at Pockets the Face Painter at ColourFest at Head Lake Park in Haliburton last October. The event, put on by the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Haliburton BIA featured booths with games, inflatable activities, free hot dogs, face painting, a scarecrow decorating contest, and a pumpkin rolling contest. ColourFest is returning this year on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. /FILE

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A lookout vista on Bear Lake. /RICK WHITTEKER Special to *County Life*

The high expectations of Bear Lake

RICK WHITTEKER

Special to *County Life*

Maybe you've seen the pictures, read the online posts and heard the spoken accolades. Lots of people have been there, but you never seem to find the time. I have noticed that these trip destinations full of high expectations can, on occasion, end up being mildly disappointing. The fertility of the imagination can sometimes exceed reality. On this trip though, the reality matched the expectation.

Located about 20 kilometres north-east of Dorset is Livingstone Lake, the access is off Livingston Lake Road. Look for the Algonquin – Hollow River- Dividing Lake sign, turn right at the sign into the quaintest provincial park access I have ever seen. There is room for about three cars if you are considerate. The launch is very canoe friendly.

Livingstone Lake is surrounded by hills rising abruptly from the lakeshore. The deep green of pine dominated knolls and seams of mixed conifer green adds variety to the maple dominated forests. In the colour bursting weeks of the early fall, being on this lake would be like paddling in a bowl of colour.

Along the east shore of Livingstone, there is an impressive 50-foot rock wall. Trying to image what this rock went through in its creation, it looks like a blender malfunctioned halfway through its formation as half twists of black rock woven into the granite face tells the story of incredible heat, movement, and pressure resulting in a unique configuration.

Stopping for lunch on a wooden bridge over a creek running between Livingstone and Bear Lakes, we watched two flycatchers hunting in the open area over the creek. Quick sorties are the flycatchers' modus operandi, darting out from their strategic perch, returning quickly to a nearby branch. Spotting a beetle flying through the flycatcher's airspace, it quickly changed direction in mid flight avoiding the bird's sudden attack. The drama of aerial predation was our lunch time entertainment.

The 300-metre portage from Livingstone to Bear Lake is along a gravel road. Bear Lake is narrow with several deeps bays unlike Livingstone which is wide and open. The most remarkable posted photos come from the top of a steep rock face on Bear Lake. With an unmarked but obvious trailhead on the east shore of the lake, this rock face is very imposing, resulting in a little voice in my head asking, "Am I going to hike up that?" Set slightly back from the shoreline, the sight of this monolith gets the heart racing before even setting foot on the trail!

The well trodden trail to the top is a steep but short, about 25 minutes with a few short breathers. The forest trail is dominated by mature pines, hemlock, spruce, and oak and packs a few surprises. With large leaves edged in purple, the deciduous shrub hobblebush thrives here, some having clusters of pinkish- red berries. Various species of fungal fruiting bodies (AKA mushrooms) push their way through the humus layer. We also found a plant that looks like a bizarre, thin, emaciated fungi. Going by such aliases as ghost flower and corpse plant, the Indian Pipe is a pale and waxy looking plant with no green to be seen.

Preferring rich, acidic soils, Indian Pipe parasitizes sugar from underground fungal mycelium, fueling its growth without the need of chlorophyll and photosynthesis. This subversive strategy allows the plant to grow in the shadiest sections of the forest, appear-

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Hobblebush can be found along the trail. /RICK WHITTEKER Special to *County Life*

An Indian Pipe sprouts through foliage on a Bear Lake trail.

from page 2

ing like crooked, ghostly fingers rising from the dark forest floor. Turning black when damaged and oozing a gooey liquid when picked, this plant would fall into the "weird" classification of plant taxonomy, if there was such a classification.

Like most challenging hikes, the reward is worth the effort. On this bright, sunny day, the hues of lake and sky-blue mix with clouds and the rolling hills of green resulting in an inspiring viewpoint. Lush wetlands, a waterfall, Livingstone Lake, and the breadth of Bear Lake can all be seen from this impressive height of land. A twisted, stunted White Pine clings to the rock wall near one lookout, resilient to its harsh conditions. With (thankfully) no rails or safety signs, care must be taken at this rock top viewpoint.

The final stop on this day trip is a visit to the waterfalls spotted from the lookout. A short paddle from the rock vista trailhead, this waterfall is set back only about 100 meters from the lake. The top of the falls has a defined lip with only open sky beyond. Rock hopping and scrambling up the smooth, dry rock beside the main flow is irresistible; it is so compelling to see what is feeding the falls. An open marsh is the source, a modest beaver dam slows the flow on this late summer's day. Smooth rocks below the falls near the lake provide a great spot to simultaneously enjoy lake views, the sounds of the falls and a wading pool.

As the intensity of the sun fades, a relaxed state settles into the rhythm of the paddle back to our quaint take-out point. A full afternoon of exploring and exercise, it is well worth the travel up to this part of the county and an especially beautiful destination to enjoy the fall colours. Like the irresistibility of scrambling to the top of the waterfall, we feel compelled to stop at Kawartha Dairy in Minden, a cool treat to end another great day trip in Haliburton County.

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Losing filters

GAIL STELTER

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She was in her 80s; perhaps 85, and we were worried about her. Her short-term memory had been fading but all else seemed well. We knew the time for long-term care may be approaching and that some help now in her home was necessary.

I take my mom for a check-up with her doctor; a new young doctor who doesn't really know her but he has her health records. He sits high on his computer stool desk and asks her some questions. He doesn't touch her. Seems strange to me, but he says she is doing well. We arrange to access services that will bring a care worker to her home two or three times a week. We are feeling good about getting this help. We tell her a care worker is coming to visit her.

"Yes, please come in." My mother is her usual polite and happy self. The worker reports that my mother took her by the hand and gave her a detailed room-by-room tour of her condo. My mom took great pride in her home and was constantly adding little touches and new decor. Then my mother directed the worker to the door and told her, "I don't need any help. Get the hell out."

My brother and I went to see mom about 15 minutes after the visit by the care worker and explained to her how a little help would be a good thing for her and for us. A sudden burst of words! Who is this woman; this mom? This mom is yelling and screaming at us. Is this really our mom? My mom never raised her voice to my brother or me in our entire lives. My dad got that side of her (and probably deserved it).

"I don't need any help. You two never helped me before, and I don't need you or anybody else!" We try to calm her down and it only gets worse. "If you don't leave me alone, I will jump off the balcony!" We look at each other. My brother leaves. Is it too upsetting for him? No, not really, he just knows. My brother lives about three minutes from my mom and has been her primary caregiver for some time now. He phoned me about ten minutes later. "Did she jump?" We laugh. Okay, our sense of humour is a little off, but the blessing of short-term memory loss is that she doesn't remember her outburst, yelling or what she said and she has no intention of jumping. Lesson learned: don't upset your aging mother, just do what you know you need to do to protect her; to love her.

She is 87 years old. Short-term memory loss has, indeed, progressed to dementia. She is walking the halls and knocking on doors looking for her sister. Her sister is dead. Her sister used to live in the same condo complex. Long-term memory is still good. We knew the time for change was close at hand, and we had been checking our long-term care homes. We understood that she would need this care. And yet we were still not ready. Are you ever ready for this?

She gets an emergency placement at a LTC home in Brampton; not one we checked out but doctors determined immediate action is necessary. My brother is in Florida. Peter and I make trips to her condo to bring her familiar and loved things to her. She is sometimes so clear, coherent and in the present with me that I wonder if I should take her home. Then she doesn't know me and makes a comment about a staff member, which once again is not my mom talking. I have never heard her say such a thing. It is racist. She has no filters. She died after only two weeks in the care home. She was three months short of her 88th birthday. My brother was in Florida. Life's ironies. He was in Florida when my dad died in 1975. Peter and I will once again make the arrangements. It is a little easier this time.

Guilt? Yes. Could I have done more? Did I do the right thing? Did she die of loneliness?

We sit in the pontoon boat at the dock and cheer. We cheer the water skiers and the wakeboarders. Nine of the 11 children are wakeboarders. Two joined the ranks for the first time last summer and two more this year, including our 11-year-old who is determined to keep up with all the teenagers. The "experienced" wakeboarders are stretching their comfort zones trying jumps across the waves and doing the "switch." We are sitting in lawn chairs near the beach and horseshoes. My 16-year-old granddaughter has just come in from a wake and is flying high as she recounts how she did the switch. She exuberantly announces that she is the only one doing the switch.

"Oh, that is amazing! We should give you a title."

"Switch and a word that rhymes with switch..."

Oh my, who said that? Everyone is laughing and hooting and saying," Gramma!"

It was me. I said that. I am aghast. I don't talk like that. Will she be upset with me? Will she walk away angry? Will she cry? She is laughing with everyone else. Oh, thank goodness for that. I am so sorry. I don't know where that came from. I suspect they think I was trying to be smart or funny but that is certainly not the case. I did not plan to say that. I repeat I am aghast! Am I losing my filters? I am very concerned. I immediately remember how my mom lost her filters. Honestly, I am just a little scared. I must also admit that this is the second time this has happened to me, not with family but with a friend. What should I do?

Time to check out the research. I am not happy with what I read. As we get older our brains start to shrink. This is a normal part of the aging process known as brain atrophy. It doesn't happen to all areas of the brain at once. Okay, that sounds promising. So as we get older, normal aging processes in our brains may make it easier for things to slip through our filters. I can handle that!

What if it is more than just a few slip-ups? It seems that in some rare cases, (I like the word "rare") losing your filter can be something more serious such as damage to the frontal lobes due to brain injury or stroke, or a neuropathic condition such as frontotemporal dementia. Not going there today; hopefully never.

It's just a rare slip-up, and I am going to be fine. Let the fear and worry go. Be informed and be aware but do let the fear and worry go. My worry is usually aligned with the people I love. I can easily let go of worrying about myself.

Join me in letting the fears about being old drop away. Together we will remember to enjoy the senior side of life and grab all the fun and special moments that make living a long life such an amazing gift.

No more slip-ups in our filters would be good too!

The Women

End of the Line ~ Part Two

JANET TRULL

Special to County Life

A grave reads "Mother". /Janet Trull

A headstone at a pioneer cemetery in the Highlands.

They had grit, the women who came to Haliburton in the 1800s.

Their adventurous husbands showed them enticing brochures about opportunities in Canada, a land of pristine lakes and free farmland. Did the women protest? Did it matter? "Pack up, Lass! We're off to make our fortune in the wilderness."

Somewhere in the middle of the Atlantic, bent over with dysentery, any optimism they may have had started cracking like the fine china tea cups in their luggage. If they survived the crossing, they had to make it through the Grosse île quarantine station where they were treated to de-lousing and medical examinations. Then it was a trip to the land grant office and a train ride to the Haliburton Station at the end of the line.

I wish they had Instagram in those days, capturing the faces of bedraggled immigrants arriving at their 98 acre plots in the bush. "What the ? were you thinking? Did you even bring an axe?"

The lessons were hard. Susannah Moodie wrote about the challenges in her book, *Roughing it in the Bush.* Bitter winters and biting flies and hunger were among the trials she suffered while homesteading near Peterborough. Her husband took a postmaster job in Kingston while she cared for her children alone in a smoky cabin.

That's how it was. Hacking a prosperous farm out of dense forest turned out to be really, really hard. Of the profiteers who lured immigrants to central Ontario, Moodie said, "Oh ye dealers in wild lands – ye speculators in the folly and credulity of your fellow men – what a mass of misery have you got to answer for. The public believed the statements you made, and men of all grades rushed to hear your hired orators declaim upon the blessings to be obtained by clearers of the wilderness."

Many were fooled into believing prosperity awaited in the wilds of central Ontario, yes. But once they got here, there was little choice but to leave the women and children alone in isolated shacks and earn a living in the lumber camps. "Listen to your mother, kids. I'll be back with some cash in the spring." At this point, the grave must have looked like a welcome holiday, and many women succumbed. Others got back on the train, leaving their husbands to discover empty cabins when (or if) they returned. Many men did not. Clearing old growth forests was dangerous work and fatal wounds were common. Just as common were temptations of better opportunities. Joining the Merchant Marines or the gold rush craze seemed easier than clearing fields of trees and boulders.

Women settlers had to be resilient. Far away from mothers and sisters, they helped each other. They took in orphans and nursed the sick and birthed babies and buried children and shared the grief of countless losses. They had to be resourceful, learning the secret bounties of the forest. Wild leeks, maple sap, plentiful game and fish. I hope they also found beauty in the backwoods. Did they pause in their labour to look at the big dipper hanging low in the winter sky? Delight in a trillium-filled valley in May? Wonder at the brilliance of fall leaves? Surely, the beauty of the highlands eased their struggles, if only for a time.

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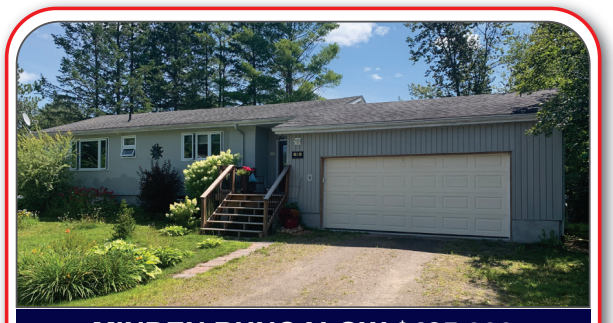

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A brand new season

KATE BUTLER
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September is a time of year that comes with its own pleasures. While it may be hard to say farewell to the balmy days of summer, it's also difficult to ignore the beauty of the first few leaves taking on hues of red and gold. The mornings may start off feeling frosty, but doesn't that make a beautiful warm and sunny afternoon feel like even more of a pleasure?

Of course, if you're a fan of autumn, I know I don't need to convince you of this. Perhaps you were counting down the days until spicy pumpkin treats would reappear in local cafes or maybe you've been gazing longingly at your favourite sweaters just waiting for temperatures to dip low enough so that you can start wearing them again.

Early autumn can also feel like a season for new beginnings. Perhaps it's a holdover from remembered school days, when September brought a flurry of emotions with new classes, new teachers and reunions with friends not seen over the summer.

At this time of year, I often find myself thinking about the generations of children who attended school around the County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many of them in small one-room schoolhouses.

Often those who taught in these schools weren't much older than their eldest students and they often found themselves juggling lessons for children with a vast range in ages.

While their school days might have looked rather different to what we're used to, I imagine a lot of the energy of a new school year back then would still seem familiar to us today.

Even if you're not heading back to school, autumn can still be a great time to try new things or to reconnect with an activity you love. Perhaps you have a hobby you've put on the backburner or a "someday" project that you've kept pushing into the future.

Many local clubs and organizations are resuming activities after taking a summer break and they can provide new ways to connect with your community. Recently, I had the pleasure of being part of Bookapolooza, a local event for readers and writers, and it was so heartening to see emerging and more established writers, as well as those in the publishing industry, sharing their passion for what they do, as well as their words of wisdom and encouragement for others.

Autumn may entice readers to curl up with a good book, but amongst the writers, there was talk of how this was prime time to dig into new projects and return to works in progress. Whether it's reading, writing or some other creative pursuit that strikes your fancy, I hope you'll carve out some time to enjoy it this autumn.

If you're looking for ways to celebrate the new season, I encourage you to come down to Head Lake Park on Saturday, September 23rd for Dysart's annual Colourfest. It's the perfect way to welcome autumn with fun for the whole family, including activities like the museum's annual scarecrow contest and the ever popular pumpkin roll. Hope to see you there!

Top 10 signs that it's time to retire

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

MANY OF US older folks are constantly trying to determine when the right time to retire will be. And, of course, this is not an easy decision to make. Work can be rewarding in terms of financial compensation and social interaction. Nevertheless, there comes a time when retirement ought to be seriously considered. Here are the top 10 signs.

1. Everyone who started at the same time as you has been immortalized in a sonnet.
2. You're almost eligible for 51 weeks of vacation.
3. Your first employee ID card features a pen and ink sketch and calligraphy.
4. There is a rut in the floor from your desk to the coffee maker.
5. The clothes you wore on your first day of work are back in style again.
6. You used to babysit your boss.
7. No one at work gets your Charlie Chaplin references.
8. You are the only one in the office who can tell time on an analog clock.
9. Well meaning co-worker is constantly checking your pulse.
10. You remember when LOL meant someone died in the middle of typing Lolly Pop.

Traces

Clam shells, splayed, like butterfly wings,
at the bottom of the Lake, nestled in silt, breeze fluttering across the water,
as I wade through the shallows, plucking up shells,
the smell of seaweed, clinging to them,
as I lay them in my palm, their insides, smooth and hollow.
I trace the space where the clam used to be, the shell's smell seeping into my fingertips,
as I slip one into my pocket, release the rest back into the Lake,
remembering how I used to horde them when I was small, displaying them on the sand,
trading them for pebbles or feathers or a strand of seaweed, that I twined around my wrist, like a bracelet,
the smell of brine, lingering, as I clamber over the obstacle course of rocks, bulging out of the water,
bridging the shore with a scrub of island, my bare feet taking their time,
navigating the terrain of rocks, gripping their jagged faces, slipping on others, cloaked in seaweed slime.
Sun, beating down, from a seamless Sky, searing my neck and the backs of my hands,
as I near the tiny island, ringed by rocks, reaching up towards the spindly trunk of a tree,
to hoist me up and steady me, feeling ground beneath my feet again,
the fragrance of pine mingling with the smell of brine,
as I weave my way through the thickness of trees and bush,
wondering how many seeds were dropped by how many birds,
for so many trees to spring up on this scrub of island,
tendrils and sprigs and shoots and roots, barely enough room for the critter that streaks past,
swallowed by the wildness of the tiny island, that I somehow, feel, I'm trespassing across,
disturbing the peace of these bushes and trees, that have grown here, for maybe a century,
in harmony with one another, while the world beyond their ring of rocks, roils and burns.
I slump in a puddle of pine needles to rest, listening to water lap against the rocks,
a sound that soothed me, before I knew words,
slipping the clam shell out of my pocket, placing it in my palm,
wondering what I would trade it for today, a pebble or a feather, or something as priceless as peace,
traces of brine, lingering, the way some memories do.

Sylvie Kalenda

ColourFest

Schedule of Activities

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- ★ Inflatable Games - archery, sticky wall, basketball
- ★ Vendor Market
- ★ Haliburton Time Travellers - classic car display
- ★ Scarecrow Building Contest
- ★ Photo Booth

11:30 am
- ★ Playground Grand Opening

11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- ★ Pockets the Facepainter

12:00 pm
- ★ Drumming at Rails End Gallery

2:00 pm
- ★ Rotary Club of Haliburton Pumpkin Rolling Contest

2:30 pm
- ★ Scarecrow Building Contest Judging

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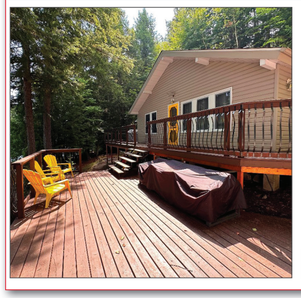

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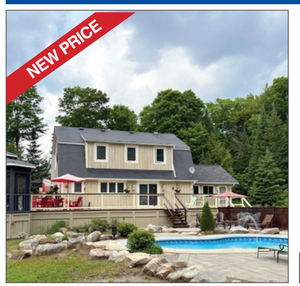

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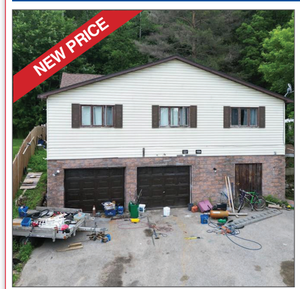

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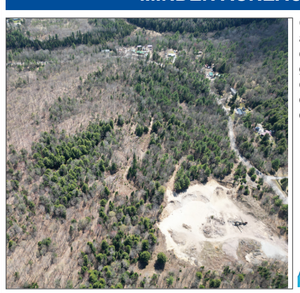

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Fog among the trees. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A doe looks into the camera. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

A fisher on a downed log. /Submitted by Tammy Nash

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Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Facilitation Skills- Free H.O.P.E. Course
When: Sept. 22, 29 10 a.m. to noon
Where: SIRCH Bistro, 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton
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16th International Basic Income Week
When: Sept. 18 - 24
Where: Haliburton County Farmers' Markets
Who needs a Basic Income? Visit the Basic Income Group - Haliburton's table at one of the three Farmers' Markets on the week of Sept. 18. in Haliburton (Tuesday), Abbey Gardens (Friday) and Minden (Saturday).

Annual General Meeting- Canadian Federation of University Women
When: Sept. 21, for members
Where: Contact for Details
A women's advocacy group, regardless of educational background, meets monthly to listen to guest speakers, as well as members becoming involved in various interest groups. Become a member where we await your presence at our monthly meetings. Contact Gail Gotter g_gotter@hotmail.com or visit www.CFUWhh.ca.

Harvest Dinner
When: Sept.23, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Firefighters' Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd
Join the Haliburton County Historical Society for their annual pork roast dinner. Cost is $30 per person. For tickets call 705-754-0427.

Karaoke Contest at the Drop Zone!
When: Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.
Where: West Guilford Recreation Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Road
Entry is free with cash prizes for top three contestants, and prizes for all who participate. Participants are asked to arrive early so we can start at 2 p.m. Please register with your name(s), age(s), and choice of song by emailing info@thedropzone.xyz or by visiting our website www.thedropzone.xyz.

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Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
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Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot. $1000 Jackpot – first Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
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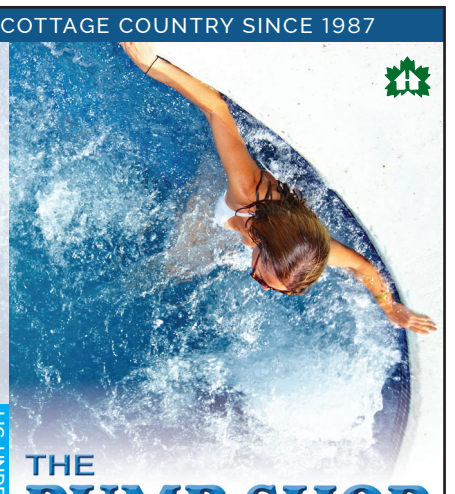

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Classes resume today

Threat of job action looms over high school

It is expected to be classes as usual in all public schools throughout Haliburton County and the Trillium Lakelands School Board area today. Secondary school teachers and the board have yet to reach an agreement, but the lack of a contract, for the moment, does not appear to be blocking the resumption of classes as usual.

Staffing and the teacher workload are two of the main issues slowing negotiations between secondary school teachers and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Although teachers are back in the classrooms, they will meet later in the week to consider further possible action.

Both sides have been meeting regularly in an attempt to hammer out a collective agreement between the board and the new Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 15. But the issue of teacher workload continues to be a contentious point. Last week the board told the OSSTF negotiating team that it was adding an additional 22 minutes, on average, per day, of instruction time.

According to the OSSTF, the average additional time will mean teachers will be in front of classes all four periods in each day. This, according to the union, cuts down on preparation time and does not allow students to have extra tutoring during spare periods. "The board has decided to impose conditions which will severely change the learning conditions of high school students in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board," said Peter Carroll, president of the district 15 teacher bargaining unit. "That sort of thing is unacceptable to us."

Carroll is also frustrated with the progress of the talks. "Negotiations have been progressing very slowly. We have not really accomplished any of the major issues," he said.

School Board Chair Cheryl Murdoch feels that although the process is tedious, the board is dedicated to the negotiations. "We are committed to working at this," said Murdoch. "We've got to get all of the pieces to fit."

According to Peter Carroll, all secondary school teachers will report for classes on September 8, however the OSSTF district 15 members will be meeting throughout the week to discuss the options available to them. The OSSTF has been in a legal strike position since mid-August.

As well, the board and the union representatives have scheduled three additional negotiation dates to be held in Haliburton County in September to attempt to resolve the dispute.

Final touches

Minden's first mural is all but complete. Artist John Lennard has been taking advantage of the ideal early fall weather to spend extra time adding the fine detail to the logging scenes. He is expected to finish this week. Work will start on the second community mural shortly. (For details about Minden's next mural, see page 4.)

With ranks of Canadian flags, members of the colour party lead the Kinmount Fall Fair parade down the community's main street. The fair drew thousands of people to the annual Labour day weekend event. For more photos of Saturday's parade see page 16.

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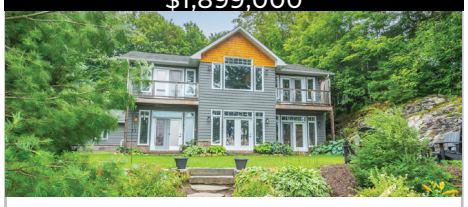

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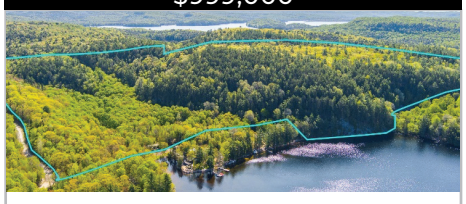

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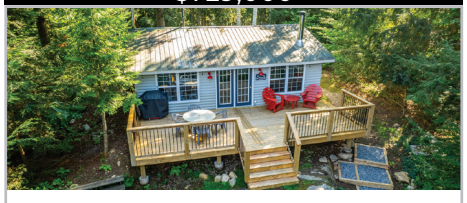

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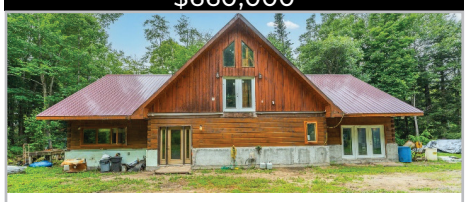

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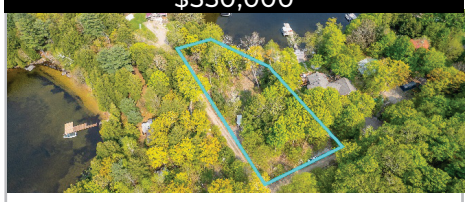

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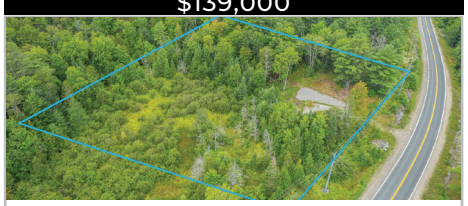

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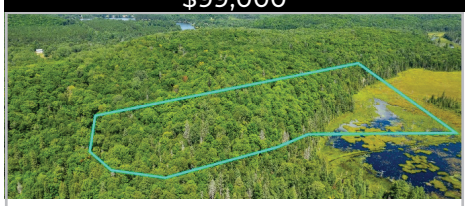

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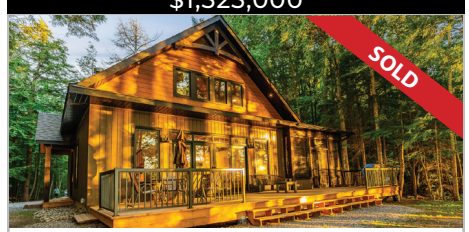

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